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SUBJ: MEDIA SITREP

1. JESUIT MONTHLY MAGAZINE "MENSAJE" HIT NEWS-STANDS THIS WEEK WITH NOTE OF APOLOGY FOR BEING LATE. LEAD ARTICLE ENTITLED "MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN CHILE" APPEARED WITH FIRST PARAGRAPH MISSING AND EDITORIAL ENTITLED "MILITARY PRONOUNCEMENT" HEAVILY CENSORED. ARTICLE CONDEMNING TORTURE IN BRAZIL NOT CENSORED (ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN PRIOR TO SEPT 11) BUT ENDS WITH OMINOUS NOTE TO EFFECT THAT VICES ARE EASILY PASSED ON AND "THE VICE OF TORTURE IS NEAR US, ALMOST AT OUR BORDERS. WE HAVE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS." (COMMENT: "MENSAJE" SOURCES INFORMED US THEY WERE HAVING DIFFICULTIES GETTING ISSUE PAST CENSORS. ONCE MAGAZINE RELEASED BLANK SPACES SHOWING CENSORSHIP CAUSED SURPRISE SINCE IT UNDERSTOOD RULING JUNTA NOT DESIROUS HAVE NEWSPAPERS OR MAGAZINES APPEAR WITH EVIDENT CENSORSHIP.)

2. PRES. ASSOCIATION CHILEAN JOURNALISTS CARLOS SEPULVEDA TOLD IO OCT 31 APPROX 20 JOURNALISTS STILL BEING DETAINED IN ONE PRISON OR ANOTHER. LIST INCLUDES OSCAR WAISS (PS) FORMER EDITOR OF "LA NACION" AND CARLOS NAUDON, FORMER INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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COMMENTATOR FOR "LA NACION" AND STATE CONTROLLED TV CHANNEL 7.

NAUDON THEN REPORTEDLY STILL IN NATIONAL STADIUM (SINCE CLEARED)
AND WAISS IN CITY PRISON. NO CHARGES YET FORMULATED AGAINST
EITHER. SEPULVEDA STATED THAT JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION STILL
ATTEMPTING BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR FOR RELEASE AND PROPER TREATMENT
OF FELLOW JOURNALISTS. SEPULVEDA ALSO SAID THAT ELECTIONS FOR
NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN CANCELLED BY JUNTA
SECRETARY GENERAL COL PEDRO EWING. LATTER TOLD IO ALL
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION ELECTIONS SUPENDED FOR TIME BEING"UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE." (COMMENT: JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION UPSET ABOUT
DECISION TO SUSPEND ELECTIONS SINCE THEY HAD GUARANTEED NON-
MARXIST REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE ELECTED. TO DATE NO PUBLIC
COMMENT HAS BEEN MADE DUE BOTH TO "SEL-CENSORSHIP" AND OFFICIAL
CENSORSHIP.)
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